

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 67 (with the changes as shown in the attachment) to read as follows:

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--67. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein said bone growth promoting material includes hydroxyapatite.--

REMARKS

Claim 67 has been amended to further define Applicant's claimed invention. Basis for the amendment may be found, for example, on page 14, lines 3-10 of the specification.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, paragraph 1:

--This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/563,705, filed ~~November 14,~~
~~2004~~May 2, 2000; which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/126,585, filed
July 31, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,136,001; which is a continuation of application
Serial No. 08/926,334, filed September 5, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,120,503; which
is a continuation of Serial No. 08/589,787, filed January 22, 1996; which is a
continuation of 08/219,626, filed March 28, 1994; all of which are incorporated herein
by reference.--

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Please amend claim 67 as follows:

67. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein said bone growth promoting material is selected from one of includes hydroxyapatite and genes coding for the production of bone.